

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 have been withdrawn. Claims 19 to 34 are under consideration.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 19 to 30. Support for the amendments are found throughout the specification, specifically at page 4, lines 25-32, at page 5, line 36, and at pages 7 to 10, Examples 1-4. As such, no new matter has been added and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 19 to 34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The grounds for rejection are set forth in the Office Action at page 5.

In particular, the Examiner asserts that “it is not clear to which dimension (i.e. length, width or diameter) Applicant’s claims are directed.” Applicants have amended claims 19, and 26 to 30 to further clarify that the particle size is “in width.”

The Examiner further asserts that there is insufficient antecedent bases for the limitation in claims 20 to 30 because “it is unclear which particle size limitation recited in the independent claim 19 (i.e. (a) or (b)) is being further defined.” Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, but to further prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 19 to recite that the “solids have been jet milled (a) to an average crystal length of less than 150 µm and an average crystal width of less than 40 µm, and (b) to a particle size distribution having at least 67 wt% of said solids have a size of 4.6-88µm in width.”

Thus, in view of the amendments, claims 19 to 34 are clear and definite. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The rejection of claims 19, and 24 to 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly unpatentable over US 5,190,764 (Chiba et al.) is respectfully traversed. The grounds for rejection are set forth in the Office Action at pages 6-8.

Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of claim under consideration (*In re Spada*, 15 USPQ 2d 1655 (Fed. Cir. 1990), *In re Bond*, 15 USPQ 2d 1566 (fed. Cir. 1990).

Chiba et al. fail to teach or suggest claims 19, and 24 to 32. For example, Chiba et al. do not describe a jet milled phosphoramido(di)thioate solid with an average crystal length of less than 150 µm and an average crystal width of less than 40 µm. Claims 24 to 32 each ultimately depend from claim 19 and include every limitation thereof. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Chiba et al. do not anticipate claims 19, and 24 to 32 and request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 19 to 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over US 5,190,764 (Chiba et al.) is respectfully traversed. The grounds for rejection is set forth in the Office Action at pages 8-10.

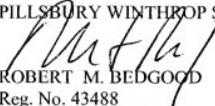
Chiba et al. fail to teach or suggest claims 19 to 34. For example, Chiba et al. do not teach or suggest a jet milled phosphoramido(di)thioate solid with an average crystal length of less than 150 µm and an average crystal width of less than 40 µm. Claims 20 to 34 each ultimately depend from claim 19 and include every limitation thereof. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that Chiba et al. do not teach or suggest claims 19 to 34 and request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

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